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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHOW and TONAI

Application No.: 09/747,391

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT METHODS
OF HLA TYPING

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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, that accompanied the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed March 9, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing. Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 26, with the following:

--As a first step, experiments were carried out to determine what are the optimum conditions for immobilizing a capture oligonucleotide to a plate. In this experiment, Capture Oligonucleotide1 (5' ACCGCACCCGCTCCGTCCCATTGAAGAAAT; SEQ ID NO:278) was